



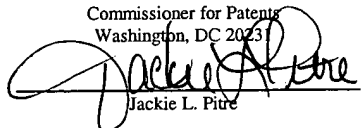
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Title: IN SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A COAL
FORMATION WITH A
SELECTED RATIO OF
HEAT SOURCES TO
PRODUCTION WELLS

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Amendment

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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Listed below is a clean copy of amended claims. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is provided as an accompanying document.

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2430. (amended) The method of claim 2424, wherein at least one of the heaters comprises a natural distributed combustor.